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REMARKS

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The present document is filed in reply to the Advisory Action dated October 29, 2009.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner refused to enter Applicants' claim amendment to independent claim 14 proposed in their Reply to Final Office Action filed October 6, 2009 ("Reply"). He asserted that it would raise new issues that will require further consideration or search. See page 2.

For the sole purpose of accelerating prosecution, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination to propose the same claim amendment, as well as the amendment to claim 45 also submitted in the Reply. Applicants have further added new claims 53-56, all of which depend from claim 14, directly or indirectly. Support for these new claims can be found in the specification at page 2, lines 1-4 and lines 16-19, and at page 5, line 30. No new matter has been introduced.

Upon entry of the above-proposed amendments, claims 14-16, 18-20, 31-36, 45, 47, 48, and 53-56 will be pending and under examination. For the reasons set forth in Applicants' Reply, these claims are in condition for allowance. A favorable consideration is therefore respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

¹ Note that the Examiner did not reject entry of this amendment in the Advisory Action.

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